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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: JOINT PLANNING
AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FORWARDING INFORMATION TO
DR. FUJI AND MR. YONEDA CONCERNING US-PROPOSED DISCUSSION
ITEMS ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES AT JOINT MEETING JUNE 8-10 AND
PROJECT MEETING JUNE 13-15.

A. PRIORITY CHEMICALS - REVIEW OF MAJOR EFFORTS IN
EACH COUNTRY TO RANK CHEMICALS OF CONCERN FOR VARIOUS PUR-
POSES. US TO COVER ACTIVITIES OF INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON
PRIORITY CHEMICALS FOR TESTING. JOINT MEETING - YONEDA.

PRIOTIY CHEMICALS - EXCHANGE OF LISTS, DOCUMENTS, AND

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BACKGROUNDS RELATED TO HAZARD RANKING ACTIVITIES IN EACH
COUNTRY. PROJECT MEETING - FUJI.

B. CHEMICAL CLASSIFICATION AND GROUPING - DISCUSSION
OF APPROACHES TAKEN IN EACH COUNTRY TO STANDARDIZE THE
MANNER IN WHICH CHEMICALS ARE UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED AND USES

ARE DESCRIBED. ALSO, A DISCUSSION INTO THE PHILOSOPHY OF EACH COUNTRY IN GROUPING CHEMICALS FOR ASSESSMENT, TESTING, AND OTHER REGULATORY PURPOSES UNDER THE RESPECTIVE TOXIC SUBSTANCE LAWS. JOINT MEETING - YONEDA.

CHEMICAL CLASSIFICATION AND GROUPING - MORE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION. US TO DISCUSS WORK UNDER SECTION 25B OF TSCA. JAPANESE TO DISCUSS USE OF CAS, WLN, OR OTHER SYSTEMS, ALSO TERMINOLOGY FOR USE DESCRIPTION. PROJECT MEETING - FUJI.

C. TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY - WHAT DATA OR INFORMATION ARE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY TRADE SECRETS? HOW ARE THEY HANDLED WITH RESPECT TO ITS COLLECTION AND USE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE? US IS INTERESTED IN THE JAPANESE APPROACH AND WILL SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. JOINT MEETING.

TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY - MORE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION. PROJECT MEETING.

D. CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS - US TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY ITS INVOLVEMENT WITH CFC ISSUE UP THROUGH RECENT PROPOSED REGULATION. JOINT MEETING.

CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS - US TO PROVIDE RECENT PROPOSAL RULES AND WILL DISCUSS RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND NEED FOR MULTINATIONAL ACTION. PROJECT MEETING.

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E. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FOLLOW-UP - US IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING DESIRABILITY OF JOINT STUDIES OF INDIVIDUAL US OR JAPANESE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CHEMICAL EXPOSURE. JOINT MEETING.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FOLLOW-UP - IF INTEREST IN SUCH STUDIES IS SHARED, THEN PANEL SHOULD DISCUSS POSSIBLE DETAILS. PROJECT MEETING.

F. TESTING DATA - UNDER BOTH ACTS TESTING OF CHEMICALS MAY BE REQUIRED. US IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WHETHER THIS BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ANTE MECHANISM TO EXCHANGE SUCH RESULTS AND PLANS FOR SUCH STUDIES. JOINT MEETING.

TESTING DATA - IF SO, THE PANEL SHOULD START DEVELOPING A PROPOSED MECHANISM. PROJECT MEETING.

G. SAFE LIST - US IS INTERESTED IN THE BACKGROUND

AND NATURE OF THE JAPANESE "SAFE LIST" OF 86 CHEMICALS.

JOINT MEETING.

SAFE LIST - US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY DETAILS AS TO THE PROCEDURES USED AND JUSTIFICATIONS FOR SAFE LISTED CHEMICALS. PROJECT MEETING.

H. CHEMICAL DOSSIERS - US IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WHETHER A SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF DOSSIERS PREPARED FOR CHEMICALS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THROUGH THIS EXCHANGE. JOINT MEETING.

I. POLICIES TOWARD THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF TOXIC CHEMICALS - US ENVISIONS THIS AREA TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN OF THE APPROACHES USED BY JAPAN. JOINT MEETING.

J. POLICIES TOWARD THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF TOXIC UNCLASSIFIED

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CHEMICALS - MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION COVERING THIS TOPIC, HOPEFULLY TO INCLUDE A JAPANESE ON THE DETAILS OF THEIR EXPERIENCE HANDLING THE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF PCBS. PROJECT MEETING.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TOXIC POLLUTANTS DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS:

WARREN MUIR: 6/10-11, KYOTO; 6/12-14, TOKYO.

JOHN FINKLEA: 6/11-15, TOKYO.

CARROLL BASTIAN: 6/9, TOKYO; 6/10-11, KYOTO; 6/12-14, TOKYO.

FRED DESERRES: 6/11-15, TOKYO.

3. FOUR US DELEGATES WISH TO VISIT OSAKA. HABIB

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